

# Uniting Londoners



**Boris Johnson**



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# my 9 point plan for a Greater London

- 1.** Cutting waste at City Hall – freeing up £3.5 billion for services.
- 2.** I have put £445 back in your pocket by freezing the Mayoral share of council tax over the last 3 years. Now I will cut it by 10% if re-elected.
- 3.** Creating 200,000 new jobs over the next four years.
- 4.** Making our streets and homes safer with 1,000 more police on the beat.
- 5.** Restoring 300 acres of green space and planting 20,000 street trees.
- 6.** Investing £221 million to transform local high streets, supporting small businesses.
- 7.** Ensuring a true Olympic legacy – 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs.
- 8.** Reducing Tube delays 30% by 2015. Building Crossrail and orbital rail to link our suburbs. Extending the Bike Hire scheme.
- 9.** Securing a better deal for London from No 10.



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# Introduction

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Dear Londoner,

I am proud that London is a fantastically diverse city, boasting not just a great cultural and ethnic mix but also a great mix of ages too. Londoners from all backgrounds contribute a huge amount to the capital's culture and economy.

London is one city, with all Londoners, regardless of their age, sexuality, religion, gender or race, able to benefit from the progress London has made over the past four years.

It is therefore crucial that the capital has a Mayor who can represent and unite all Londoners, rather than divide communities and play them off against one another. I recognise that there may be aspects of all policies that are particularly important for individual communities, and specific challenges which need addressing. I also believe that fundamentally most Londoners share the same hopes and aspirations, and it is the responsibility of the Mayor to make progress on these priorities.

And that is what my 9 Point Plan for a Greater London aims to do.

I have put 1,000 extra police officers on London's streets, persuaded the Government to invest in the modernisation of the transport network with Crossrail and the tube upgrade, and supported the creation of growth with fully costed and deliverable plans for 200,000 new jobs if I am re-elected<sup>1</sup>.

And in every aspect of the Mayoralty, and every pledge I make, where there is a specific challenge or issue that needs addressing, whether cracking down on hate crimes or making the transport network more accessible to disabled Londoners, I am determined to ensure that City Hall delivers.

We have made progress despite tough economic times. At the Mayoral election on 3rd May this progress is at risk. The choice at this election is between taking London backwards to the years of division with a Mayor who tries to play off one group against another for narrow psephological reasons, or to go forward with my plan for uniting Londoners.



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<sup>1</sup> GLA, *The Mayor's Consultation Budget*, 22 December 2011, p.1, HMT, *Comprehensive Spending Review*, 20 October 2010, TfL, *London Underground Factsheet*, January 2012, HMT, *Spending Review*, 22 October 2010, HMT, *Autumn Statement*, 29 November 2011



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# Creating 200,000 new jobs over the next four years.

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## When supporting jobs and economic growth, I will:

- Support women back into work by leading a part-time jobs campaign to help parents return to work to create 20,000 part time jobs and exploring how City Hall can support child care provision across the capital.
- Support young people into employment with more action on apprenticeships, driving the creation of an average of 1,000 new apprenticeships in London every week.
- Extend to apprentices on recognised schemes over the age of 18 the same TfL travel discounts as students in full time education receive, as well as guaranteeing free travel for under 16s and discounted travel for students in full time education.
- Help younger Londoners onto the housing ladder by boosting my First Steps programme of low-cost home ownership to help around 25,000 buyers<sup>2</sup>.
- Promote to Londoners the Government's mortgage guarantee scheme which will reduce deposits for 100,000 household<sup>3</sup>.
- Ensure City Hall continues to be a tolerant and diverse workplace, with its workforce reflecting the diversity of London itself, and enter it into Stonewall's Employers' Index, at no cost to the public purse<sup>4</sup>.

For further details of how creating jobs and apprenticeships will benefit Londoners from every community, please see my *Growing the London economy* manifesto.

# Making our streets and homes safer with 1,000 more police on the beat.

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## When tackling crime and overseeing the Metropolitan Police, I will:

- Encourage the Met Commissioner's plans to recruit more ethnic minority Londoners into the force as fully warranted officers, PCSOs, and Special Constables.
- Offer, for the first time in Greater London, a 50 per cent rebate on the Mayor's share of council tax to Special Constables; and call on boroughs to do the same.
- Make significant progress towards a force that looks more like London, including lobbying for legislation to allow me to introduce a direct entry scheme to the Met.
- Establish Safer Neighbourhood Boards in every borough giving local Londoners and victims a greater voice in setting the priorities for their area policing.
- Ensure the Met continues to crack down on hate crimes and homophobic crimes.
- Guarantee there remains at least one designated LGBT liaison police officer in every borough, to ensure they are able to deal with homophobic instances sensitively.

<sup>2</sup> GLA, *London Housing Strategy*, December 2011

<sup>3</sup> DCLG Press Release, *Industry support grows for NewBuy Guarantee*, 12 March 2012

<sup>4</sup> Pink News, 14 April 2012

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- Support women by guaranteeing funding for London's four Rape Crisis Centres for my entire term<sup>5</sup>.
  - Launch a pan-London domestic violence service.
  - Establish a task force to confront female genital mutilation and other harmful cultural practices, including so-called "witchcraft" killings<sup>6</sup>.
  - Support young people at risk of drifting into gang culture by recruiting 1,000 volunteers to help up to 10,000 young adults through uniformed groups.
  - Launch 25 Leadership Clubs in secondary schools as part of our work to tackle the underlying causes of last year's riots.
  - Work with the Met to double again the 1,000 police cadets in London<sup>7</sup>.
  - Continue mentoring programmes to help 1,000 vulnerable boys aged 10-16<sup>8</sup>.

For further details of how making our streets safer will benefit Londoners from every community, please see my *Fighting Crime in London* manifesto.

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### When investing in transport, I will:

- Help older Londoners by protecting the 24-hour Freedom Pass and reverse the decision by the previous Labour government to raise the age for which people were eligible, by making it available on Transport for London services to all Londoners from age 60 from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012.
- Expand step free stations to help disabled Londoners as part of the tube upgrade, expand accessible bus stops to 70 per cent of the network, and protect these upgrades from Ken Livingstone's plans to take £1.14 billion out of the transport budget<sup>9</sup>.
- I know that crime and the fear of crime can have the greatest impact on older Londoners and women. That's why I will make transport even safer by maintaining funding for the extra police on the transport network for my entire second term which has led to a 30 per cent fall in crime on the Tube<sup>10</sup>.

For further details of how modernising our transport network will benefit Londoners from every community, please see my *Investing in Transport* manifesto.

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5 GLA Press Release, Rape Crisis Centres helping over 1500 women, 25 November 2011

6 GLA, *The way forward*, 8 March 2010

7 Metropolitan Police, *Police Cadets*

8 GLA Website, *Team London*

9 GLA Website, *Transforming the Tube*

10 Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions Written Answers 931/2012*, 14 March 2012, Mayor of London Press Release, Mayor highlights crime drop across public transport, 21 Feb 2011



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# Ensuring a true Olympic legacy – 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs.

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## When delivering the Olympics, I will:

- Provide an Olympics for all Londoners:
  - ▶ Expand grassroots sporting legacy through £30 million programme benefitting over 250,000 Londoners<sup>11</sup>.
  - ▶ Oversee London Ambassadors programme with up to 8,000 volunteers and ensure their continued engagement in volunteering programmes<sup>12</sup>.
- Upgrade the 'Look and Feel' of London with £50,000 already provided to every borough to ensure the capital looks its best for the Games<sup>13</sup>.
- Enthuse young Londoners with a successful Games:
  - ▶ Guarantee 125,000 school children get Olympic and Paralympic tickets.
  - ▶ Work with the Government to deliver a successful National Schools Championship for London schools.

For further details of how delivering a strong Olympic legacy will benefit Londoners from every community, please see my *Value from the Olympics* manifesto.

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## Making London the best big city to live in

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- Guarantee funding to increase the number of street trees planted to 20,000, and use City Hall's planning powers to require developers to plant more trees.
- Invest £6 million to improve 300 acres of green space and work with boroughs to create 100 Pocket Parks across Greater London.
- All Londoners are a part of one city, so I will not tolerate any form of bullying whether in the workplace, schools or elsewhere; and call on boroughs to be vigilant about this.
  - ▶ I will continue to support projects like the FIT DVD to secondary schools as a resource to combat homophobic bullying<sup>14</sup>.
  - ▶ I will continue to support events like Pride, and ensure the LGBT community are part of the Cultural Olympiad.

11 Mayor of London, *A Sporting future for London report*, April 2009

12 Direct Gov, *Volunteering at the Games*

13 GLA Press Release, *London to get dressed for 2012 Games*, 31 May 2011

14 GLA, *Ending homophobic bullying*, Stonewall, *FIT The Movie*

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